(ख) से (घ) वर्तमान निर्यात और आयात नीति के अंतर्गत, तेलहन का आयात वाध्यमीकृत ढंग से जारी है। निर्यात और आयात नीति की समीक्षा, लगातार की जाती रहती है और इसमें परिवर्तन, मांग और आपूर्ति, घरेलू उत्पादन, भविष्य में अनुमानित मांग और उत्पादकों और प्रयोक्ता उद्योग के हितों जैसे विभिन्न कारणों को ध्यान में रखकर, समय-समय पर किए जाते हैं।

Export of Mangoes

4012. DR. MOHAN BABU: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken to boost export of Mangoes in great demand in international market; and

(b) the role of Andhra Pradesh in export of Mangoes this year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI BOLLA BULI RAMAIAH): (a) The Government has taken various measures to boost export of mangoes and other horticultural products. These include:—

(i) Supply of quality planting material and training of farmers under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme on integrated development of tropical, temperate and arid zone fruits;

(ii) Provision of soft loans for setting up of grading processing centres, auction platforms, ripening/curing chambers and quality testing equipment,

(iii) Provision of financial assistance to exporters/growers/Cooperative Societies for development of infrastructural facilities such as purchase of specialised transport units, establishment of pre-cooling/cold storage facilities;

(iv) Grant of financial assistance for improved packaging and strengthening of quality control;

(v) Establishment of a vapour heat treatment facility for improving the acceptability of the product, especially mangoes, in overseas markets.

(vi) Arranging promotional campaigns in the potential markets overseas *including buyer-seller meets* with focus on mangoes, and participation in important international fairs and exhibitions.

(b) Andhra Pradesh is a major producer of mangoes and hence it could contribute substantially to the exports of mangoes. Export of mangoes (Banganpalli and Totapuri) from Andhra Pradesh by sea during the current crop season in CA and refrigerated container, to markets in South East Asia, Middle East and Europe is being undertaken on an experimental basis. Exporters from Andhra Pradesh are expected to participate in the buyer-seller meet on mangoes being planned to be organised in South East Asian countries this year.

Contract with Pakistan for Supply of Sugar

4013. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether STC had entered into contract with Pakistan for export of 25 thousand tonnes of sugar;

(b) whether it is also a fact that STC has failed to adhere to the contracted schedule and Pakistan has warned of revoking the contract;

(c) if so, the details thereof stating the reasons for failure of the STC to fulfil its contractual obligation for the supply of sugar to Pakistan; and

(d) the steps taken by Government to resolve the issues involved?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI BOLLA BULI RAMAIAH): (a) to (d) STC offered to export 25,000 MTs of sugar to Trading Corporation of Pakistan on the condition of availability of the Indian Railway rakes and acceptance thereof by Pakistan Railways. Two rakes with a load of approximate 3643 MTs